



PICTURE CAPTION:

Surefreight trucks ready for action

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PEEL PORTS CELEBRATES SUREFREIGHT'S NEW £1.3 MILLION FACILITIES IN HEYSHAM

Peel Ports Group has welcomed the launch of Surefreight's new Heysham Depot - a £1.3 million investment made by the haulage firm intended to improve port accessibility for businesses and consumers across the country.

Launched on 2 September, the Depot opened its gates to an estimated 300 guests who were the first to experience the new dedicated driver facilities and training centre.

Nick Ridehalgh, Port Director for Peel Ports Mersey said: "The new M6 link road put in place has already helped to improve access to and from the port. This has in turn led to more investment being made in the area, which is a positive outcome for businesses and the local community."

Heysham Port offers a fast and efficient route to the Irish Sea, catering to a number of daily sailings. A key partner for Surefreight is Seatruck. These firms have developed a special relationship, after having worked together at the port for over 20

years. This recent investment underlines the haulage firm's commitment to one of its most valued customers.

Brian McManus of Surefreight comments: "This investment is very much part of our overall strategic distribution plan to add value for our customers and, of course, to people in the local area. Not only will it help us to grow our own client relationships, but it will allow other businesses to grow theirs too.

"We wanted the launch to be a real treat for families because that's what our business is all about."

Alistair Eagles, CEO of Seatruck says: "The M6 Link road has dramatically reduced the transit time to Heysham Port and has been a real game changer for the development routes from the Port of Heysham. Surefreight's investment will only help bolster the strategic plans we have in place with Peel Ports Group. This is a momentous event for everyone who relies on the port for business."

For more information on Seatruck Ferries visit www.seatruckferries.com. For Surefreight, visit www.surefreight.co.uk

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About Peel Ports Group

Peel Ports Group is the UK's second largest port group, owning and operating six of the UK's most important ports (Liverpool, Heysham, Manchester Ship Canal, Medway (Sheerness / Chatham), Clydeport and Great Yarmouth). It also owns BG Freight shipping line and operates a container terminal in Dublin.

Peel Ports handles 65million tonnes of cargo every year, which is around 13% of the total UK major ports traffic. Over 35 shipping line services (from 26 shipping lines) call through its network of ports every week. Headquartered in Liverpool, it employs around 1,200 staff, and had revenue of £596m and EBITDA of £212m for the year ending 31 March 2016.

<http://www.peelports.com>

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